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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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TO: Central and Eastern Conservation Districts

FROM: Mark Clark, Executive Director

**SUBJECT: Columbia River Water Conservation Program
Inventory Program Application**

I would like to announce a program opportunity that may enhance your districts ability to fund future water savings projects through the Columbia River Water Conservation Program in the near future. Please consider participation in the Columbia River Project Inventory Program. The Commission has \$45,000 of technical assistance funds to pass along to districts in mini-grants of up to \$3,000 each.

The recently passed Columbia River Bill (E2SHB 2860) mandates the Department of Ecology to create a water supply and demand forecast for the Columbia River Basin in Washington State by November of this year. The Department of Ecology has hired consulting firms to author the draft version of this forecast and has asked the Commission to assist said consultants by providing an inventory of all of the conservation projects in Central and Eastern Washington. In order for the consultants to have the information with enough time to compile it and get it out for public notice and comment prior to November, they need the information reported to them by September 1, 2006. Because of this timeline, our window of opportunity to collect this important information is quite small, with all collected data needing to be turned in to the Program Manager on or before the 25th of August, 2006.

We apologize for the short notice and turn around but it is important to fill out the application that is linked below. **Fax to Jon Culp at 509.826.7210 and send the original, signed documents postmarked by 5 p.m., Friday, August 4, 2006 to Debbie Becker at the Commission. As soon as the Program Manager acknowledges receipt of the application by fax, your district may begin incurring expenses toward your contract.** If you have any questions please contact Jon Culp at 509.826.7212

[District Contract App Columbia River Inventory 7-06.doc](#)

The Technical Assistance money will allow districts to supply the manpower necessary to perform an inventory of all water savings conservation projects and small off-channel storage projects within your district.

A spreadsheet to record the inventory data is forthcoming. Please review the application with its scope of work and deliverables and then contact Jon Culp at 509.826.7212 for further questions or comments.

This inventory does not guarantee future funding of the listed conservation projects, but does allow the Commission and the Department of Ecology the data necessary to help prioritize funding needs, especially through the future Columbia River Water Conservation Program. The resulting database may create a powerful planning tool to help each district, WACD, and the Commission seek other future funding opportunities through programs or the legislature.